

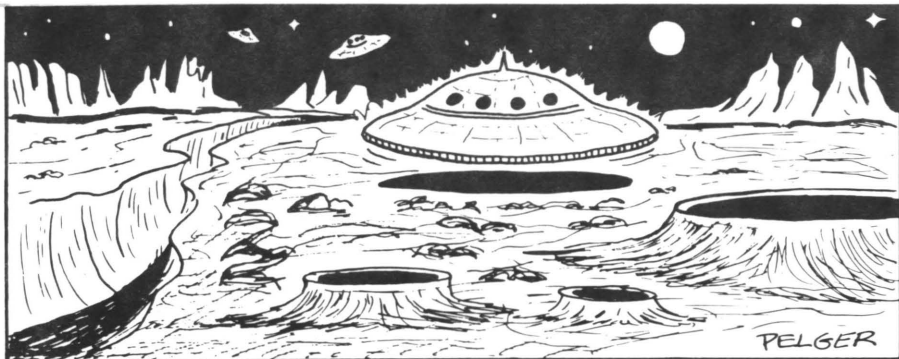
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EDITORIAL

by A. Manak

Well, it's that time again--another issue to put out; but, this issue is something special. Something special you say? Yes. For one thing, this is the first time Flying Saucer Digest has ever been late. It's because of four different reasons--some of whom cannot be discussed here. The main reason is, of course, money. Then there is the Mysticon '75 convention to be held in the Cleveland area May 30 and 31 this year (see information elsewhere in this issue). Oh well, who wants to hear problems of other people. I see where the Ohio monster showed up in Southern Ohio again. He keeps coming back month after month. Mr. Robert Easley is back writing for Flying Saucer Digest again as well as putting out a fine UFO paper--free for the asking. Write UFOlogical Thoughts and Ideas, Box 696, Defiance, Ohio 43512. It's that time of the year again--spring--where people start looking in the sky. Send us your personal UFO sightings and let us know if we could publish them. More and more interest in UFO underground. People writing to us asking for an underground newsletter. Mail still being stalled again and, in some cases, not even arriving at all. Please let us know how your mail arrives--in good condition or not, late or not, or not at all! There is to be the UFO conference in Defiance, Ohio on the weekend of August 15, 1975. This is the original Congress of Scientific UFOlogists. The name was changed because certain people wanted to break up the original group. They succeeded to an extent because the original group still meets once a year, but never like it was in the past. Who knows, maybe someday in the future it will be as great as it was in the past. We have received letters from readers who show an interest in writing articles for Flying Saucer Digest. All I can say is go ahead, write your article. We at "Digest" will let you know if we can publish the writings or not. A new magazine "Strange Airships and Sea Monsters" is being prepared and should be off the press by September. "Strange Airships and Sea Monsters" deals mainly with sea monsters and unknown things that are seen in oceans and seas around the world. "Strange Airships and Sea Monsters" will be illustrated. It will be sold on a pre-printing basis. That is, the number of requests we have. That will be the number of copies we will have printed. The cost is \$1.50 to nonmembers of UAPA and \$1.00 to members (see how to become a member in UAPA elsewhere in this issue). "Strange Airships and Sea Monsters", in part, was published in Mystique issues Numbers 20, 21 and 22. "Strange Airships and Sea Monsters" will probably be the most comprehensive publication ever published on this subject so let's hear from you. Remember, you have the say on "Strange Airships and Sea Monsters". Also, we would like more readers to tell us which articles you liked or disliked--only with this method can we put out the magazine you want.

Editor



World Roundup

by R. Hilberg

WEIRD SIGHTS OVER BEND, OREGON

Hap Taylor, Jr., a local contractor, and his two sons were traveling south on Arnold Market Road east of Bend at around 8:00 p.m. when, as he told local news media, a beacon of light suddenly shined down on the ground.

The startled Taylor stopped the car and observed the stationary beacon apparently coming from an object he estimated was '0,000 to 20,000 feet in the air. "It was one hell of a powerful light," Taylor said. "I'd never seen anything that bright."

The object was "absolutely dead still until it took off," Taylor reported. "It took off to the south. There wasn't any explosion. It just shot off. I'd say it was over Lava Butte in about 1½ seconds."

Taylor said that the object left a thick vapor trail that "almost looked like smoke."

Taylor wasn't the only person to see the mysterious object. Mrs. Sue Golden of Vicksburg Avenue was taking her family to the store when she noticed it from her viewpoint on Awbrey Heights.

She said that the object was "bright and triangle-shaped." It was in the southwest and "looked like it was headed north," she said. "It was quite a spectacle. Very bright and beautiful."

State police officers in Bend and Gilchrsit reported "several" calls coming in from persons who had also sighted the bright unknown object. It was also reported that persons in Eugene and at Mahlon Sweet Field spotted the UFO at about 7:40 p.m.

EM EFFECTS IN ELKHART, INDIANA

"It was a ball, orange and green, spinning about 15 or 25 feet away," said an upset 13-year-old girl shortly after a strange UFO experience she had while driving with her mother.

She and her mother saw something in the sky over Northern Elkhart at around 9:45 P.M. on their way home from church. They were traveling east on Elkhart County Road 4 when something appeared. "It was several different colors, but mostly green; my daughter said it looked like a rusty ball," the woman said. "It was there and gone at the window on the passenger side, disappearing and reappearing at least four times," she said.

The woman reported that her car was all over the road trying to elude the strange object. At one point as the light hovered, the woman reported that the car engine died forcing her to pull off the road. At this point the object left.

After questioning by law enforcement officers, she stated that she was familiar with that particular stretch of the road and that the strange object did not behave like an airplane or other such object. "It was a terrifying experience and I wouldn't want to go through it again," she added.

MEANWHILE OVER IN LAKELAND

Just a few miles to the east of where young Frank Smith saw his UFO that shook the trees in his backyard, two UFOs, "disc-shaped, with red and green flashing lights" were reported hovering over Lake of the Hills by Mrs. Edward D. Tanner and her husband.

She said that she and her husband were sitting on their front porch "watching what we thought was a star". When the lights kept flashing and the object "kept getting out of orbit," Mrs. Tanner said she and her husband became most curious.

Mrs. Tanner went into the house to secure the binoculars so as to get a better view of the strange light. Both she and her husband viewed the object through the optical instrument and she said that the UFO was "disc-shaped and had red and green elongated lights. It couldn't have been a star, because it didn't stay in any particular orbit," she added.

She said the first object suddenly disappeared and that another, similar object appeared far to the south.

Mrs. Tanner reported the sighting to city police who said they also had the objects in sight. The Tanners watched the unknowns from about 8:30 until 10:00 p.m.

SAUCER-SHAPED OBJECT OVER OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY

Two 9-year-old girls playing on the bank of the Ohio River near the Mid-South Mobile Home Park got a good look at a UFO on the north side of the river.

The girls said that the object was about the size of a small auto, and was shaped like a saucer with a handleless cup on top of it. They said that the strange object was "tannish-white" with purple and yellow flashing lights. It hovered near the bank, disappeared and then reappeared a short distance away several times, they said.

The girls said they called the Daviess County Sheriff's Office and the Owensboro-Daviess County Airport control tower, but because they were obviously not adults, could get no cooperation.

Finally a reporter from the local newspaper was called out to view the strange object, but by that time it was in the far distance. "I couldn't tell what it was, but it didn't look like an airplane," he reported.

UFO OVER BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Madeline McKoane was driving her son and his friend home from a hockey meeting at Langendorf Park, when they spotted a strange object in the sky as they approached Baker's Lake. It was early evening and the bright object in the distance startled them.

"We saw these glaring lights," Mrs. McKoane explained. "It was a large spinning object less than 1,000 feet off the ground. It was going straight across from Eastern Avenue over Baker's Lake and just hovered there.

"It was such an awesome sight that it's difficult to explain," she continued. "It just hovered there for about four minutes and then started going up. It looked like a great big white cigar or a frisbee as it went up."

Mrs. McKoane claims that about five teenage boys in a car in front of hers got out of their car to have a look at the strange object. "I should have gone to talk to them, but I was so shook up I just didn't think of it at the time."

EIGHT POLICEMEN REPORT TREE-LEVEL UFOS OVER TILTON, N. H.

Tilton Patrolmen Mark E. Paine and Michael E. Alden notified their headquarters at 3:23 a.m. of a saucer-like object with red, blue, white and yellow lights flying above the tree-line near the Sanbornton exit off I-93. Within half-an-hour they were joined by two Belmont officers, a Gilford officer and a deputy from the Belknap County Sheriff's Dept.

Twenty-two-year-old Paine, who has been with the Tilton force for seven months, said that the first UFO came to within 100 yards of the cruiser before it turned up on its side and backed off. It was an elliptical shape with a dome on top and was about 30 by 50 feet in diameter, Paine said.

Two other flying objects were seen several miles away, apparently flying in a triangle formation with the closest saucer, Paine said. A fourth object, which was independent of the triangle, at one point came straight up from the trees and then flew right over their heads, Paine added.

Two Franklin officers, notified of the reports, observed three objects with multi-colored lights from the Franklin police parking lot at about 4:00 a.m. The two officers then moved to a nearby shopping center parking lot for an unobstructed view. Between 4 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. they were joined by seven other persons who had come to pick up their Sunday newspaper deliveries.

FAMILY SIGHTS UFO OVER JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO

Frank and Dee Day spotted a strange object from the back yard of their rural home, located some five miles south of Johnstown.

Because it was 8:00 p.m. and, therefore, quite dark, no exact shape was distinguishable. However, Mrs. Day said that the object had three pulsating red lights in the shape of an elongated triangle. It hovered for about ten minutes at what was estimated 150 feet off the ground, but didn't disturb any of the animals in the pastures, she said, noting also that the dogs didn't bark.

"It was huge--large in size," she said. "They moved in unison, not separately."

The Days and two of their four children were witness to the sighting. They called the Colorado State Patrol, who referred the matter to the Johnstown Police. By the time the local police arrived on the scene, however, the strange lights were long gone from sight.

BRIGHT OBJECT SIGHTED OVER HOLLOMAN AFB, NEW MEXICO

Two Holloman Security Policemen reported to the New Mexico State Police that they saw something that looked like a "big ball of fire with red and green lights on top" that was flying in the vicinity of the base.

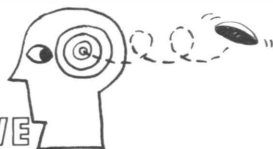
The incident apparently began when someone called the State Police office, at 11:15 p.m., to report the same object making what appeared to be a landing approach approximately one mile southeast of the base.

Several minutes later, the report from the security patrol was received, noting that the object moved up, down and horizontally as it approached the base before finally disappearing in the vicinity of a night club on Highway 70 west.

The report from the security men ended with the comment that "the whole thing must sound crazy" but that they had never seen anything like it before.



RETROSPECTIVE



DERENBERGER'S CONTACT

EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS ARTICLE FIRST APPEARED IN F.S.D. NO. 2 WHICH WAS SOLD OUT IN A FEW WEEKS. THE POPULARITY OF THIS STORY PROMPTED US TO REPRINT IT EIGHT YEARS LATER.

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Parkersburg, W. Va. (UPI) - Before Wednesday night, at approximately 7:25 p.m., Woodrow Derenberger didn't believe in flying saucers.

But, after a harrowing experience--which Derenberger says was an encounter with an unidentified flying object and a lengthy "thought wave" conversation with an occupant of the "saucer"--the local salesman is a believer.

In fact, Derenberger said the mysterious "man", who had all the apparent features of a human being, promised that he and a companion would contact Derenberger again.

"I think they will... but I hope they don't," Derenberger said as he related details of his experience in an interview with WTAP-TV news director, Glen Wilson.

State and local police, and a representative of the Air Force recruiting station were present for the news conference. Officers said it was apparent that Derenberger "had some sort of experience."

Derenberger said it all started shortly before 7:30 p.m., while he was driving home to Parkersburg from Marietta, Ohio, on Interstate 77.

As he approached the W. Va. 47 interchange, Derenberger said a "dark, long object" traveling about the same speed as his panel truck "cut in front of my vehicle and continued to travel at some distance sideways."

Derenberger described the object as being dark, charcoal grey, "apparently made of some kind of metal and shaped something like an old kerosene lamp globe, having a flat bottom and a domelike top."

There was no visible lights, and the object emitted a "fluttering, soft noise" as it moved along "eight to 10 inches above the pavement, blocked the highway and finally stopped."

From this point, Derenberger said: A door in the side of the UFO opened, much like a car door, and a "man" stepped out. The man approached Derenberger's truck, and told him to roll down the window.

During the following "five to 10 minute conversation," the saucer occupant communicated with Derenberger through "thought waves or mental telepathy," his lips were closed and he smiled constantly.

The occupant was described as being six feet tall, 31 to 40 years old "by our standards," 105 pounds, with dark hair slicked back, and a dark complexion.

He was wearing a "short topcoat, with trousers visible below the coat, and a shirt buttoned at the neck. His clothing was "blue and quite shiny, having a glistening effect "

"Have no fear, we come from a country that is not nearly as powerful as yours," the intruder said. "We mean you no harm."

As the man "spoke", Derenberger said the "saucer" hovered into a position 50 to 75 feet over the highway.

The man asked Derenberger what the lights were in the distance, and he replied that it was the City of Parkersburg. Derenberger said the man said a similar place in his country was called a "gathering."

Derenberger said the man described himself as a "searcher," and called himself by name as "cold."

Before parting, the man told Derenberger he would contact him again, and suggested that he notify the local authorities. The UFO then returned to the scene, and another occupant reached an arm out the door to help his companion back aboard.

"The door closed, sounding much like a car door," Derenberger said, and the UFO burst into the air at "tremendous speed."

Hurrying home, Derenberger said he was visibly shaken. He then telephoned the Parkersburg police and related his story.

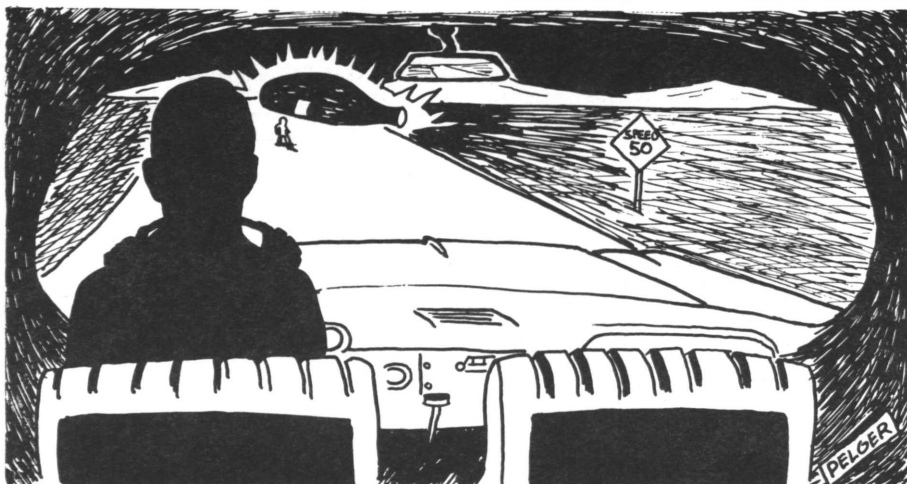
Police said the Air Force spokesman indicated Derenberger's story would be turned over to higher authorities, either in Washington or at the UFO investigative center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

Derenberger, the father of two small children, lives at nearby Mineral Wells. Authorities said "he doesn't appear to be a fanatic."

He told authorities he attends church regularly, believes in God, and now he believes in flying saucers.

Derenberger said he was willing to take a lie detector test.

He said, should he be contacted again by the "saucer", he could think a a "million questions to ask." But, Wednesday night he found it "very difficult to talk".



MUFON: Reform or Quit

by Allen H. Greenfield

During one of ufology's darker periods--that which fell between the post-flap razzle-dazzle of 1967 and the upsurge attendant to the 1973 flap--the Midwest UFO network came to the fore in the field, organizing conclaves, developing new organizations pathways and underwriting a vibrant publication. In an hour of need MUFON became ufology's knight in white armor.

That origin, though, now is thankfully long past and ufology in the mid-seventies faces new roles and new challenges. What might have been overlooked about MUFON then in the interest of solidarity before an origin cannot now continue to be ignored. MUFON's white knight is in more ways than one far, far too white. The jacket-and-tie "businessman's luncheon" atmosphere, the display of hostility to potial and ideological betrodony, did the group's approach to the ufo subject itself mark it out to be the latter-day incarnation of NICAP; that is to say, a non-governmental organization which nevertheless assumes the trappings of the established order and which seeks and/or moves in the direction of incorporating an independent element in American life--in this case--ufology into the establishment.

I am proud to say that I was among those who opposed the quasi-political NICAP during the years when it was unfashionable to do so. Now even Major Keyhoe, no longer the group's director, has citical things to say about it, even going so far as to suggest the possibility that since he left the directorship, the group has bowed to government pressure.

I say: from very early on NICAP served the purposes of those who seek to keep the established scientific and political order intact.

MUFON is a product of a different era. It does not take the hard ideological line nor evidence the para-militaristic trappings of NICAP. Its public program even includes a number of liberal gestures. But under this admittedly impressive facade, MUFON, now called the Mutual UFO Network, operates on the same reactionary wavelength as the NICAP I grappled with in the middle of the last decade. As in that instance, it is difficult to pin down specifics, because what we are dealing with are basic matters of approach to the elusive ufo subject. There is an open and free ufology, and there is a crank-cause ufology. There is also a ufology which seeks to transform the field into yet another cog in the federal bureaucracy; yet another hand held out for government money (strings attached and all). MUFON falls, roughly, into this latter category.

I said that it would be difficult to assign specifics, but one from the 1974 symposium should give some clue. When I inquired as to what arrangements there were for "dealer's tables" at the symposium--that is--tables or other arrangements for the display and sale of magazines, books, etc., by persons independent of the MUFON structure, I was given to understand that only material that was consistent with MUFON's image was acceptable for display. This information was given to me by an official of the sponsoring group, Mr. A. E. "Mark" Candusso. Censorship. I was sufficiently taken aback that I could do very little at the time. (What I should've done, while the supposedly "liberal ufology" program filled with distinguished and admirable speakers--and that I mean most sincerely, people of the calibre of Ralph Blum and B.E. Schwarz--is yell in the anteroom "this is a hoax! This is a fraud, a lie, a selected abridgement of the truth! I should have--but I haven't that kind of courage.)

It isn't easy to begin a new battle, possibly alone. Saucer News, which led the battle against NICAP is, lamentably, no longer around. MUFON has mesmerized a lot of people, and I may be making this stand alone.

But make the stand I shall. MUFON has within its structure a number of decent people and admirable institutional components. But, as it is presently structured and informed, it is a reactionary, obstructionist organization, an enemy of free ufology, free science and open thought. My stand: MUFON: REFORM OR QUIT!



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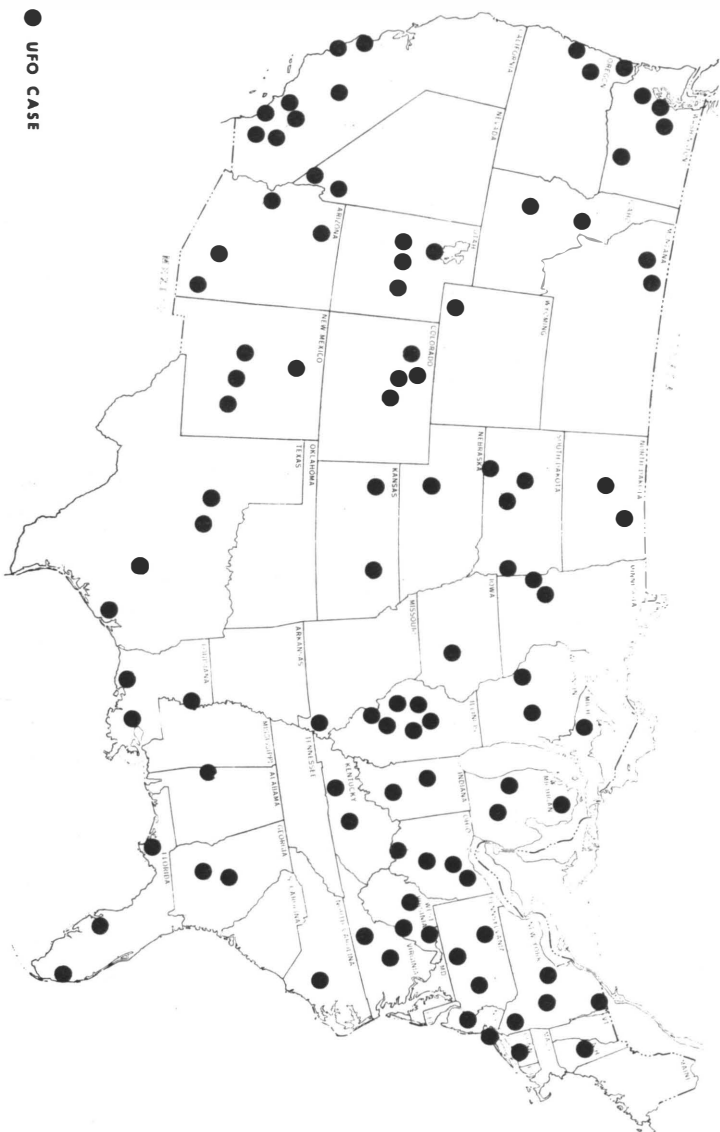
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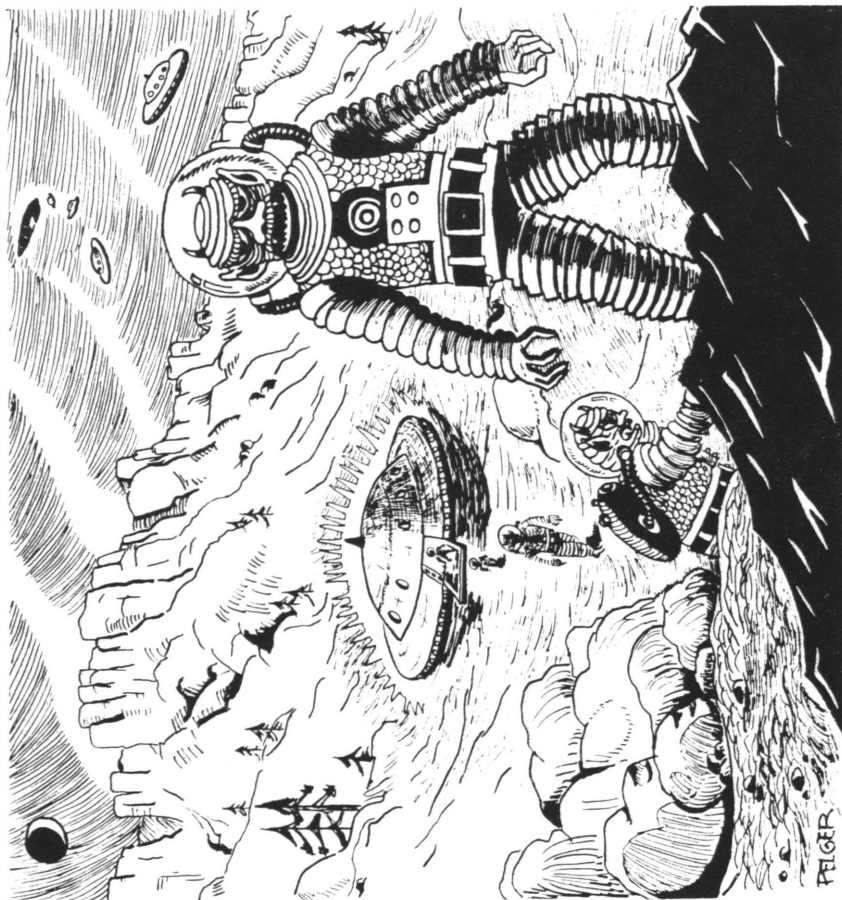


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MISSING LINK

by Robert S. Easley

Martin Caidin, in his book (The Mendelov Conspiracy) mentions an idea that has aroused my interest enough to make an attempt to discuss it.

"Man and the apes are supposed to have descended from a common ancestor. Science has been looking for the place where they branched--they've been wrong all these years--the missing link is man himself. And man stands in the way of the next step in evolution." -- Caidin.

Perhaps the occupants of the saucers--if they exist and there are occupants--have realized this through some type of advanced knowledge of the future. If the planet Earth is to continue to evolve along it's pre-determined path, then the obstacle in that path of evolution must be removed.

The reason for many phenomenon in our present existence could be simply a method to keep us off balance until our predecessors can take over. Who--or what--they would be is anyone's guess. Perhaps the term "Homo superior" or "humane beings" could be used for the new species.

Since man is basically an animal with the instinct to continually fight, he is on the verge of that 'Great War' that would completely destroy the Earth. If the Aliens--or whatever--did plant us a crop (as Dr. Thomas Gold, for one, theorizes) then they must prevent that 'War' in order to see their 'Evolution Experiment' continue on it's course. They, in fact, could destroy us in such a fashion as to preserve the Earth for it's next occupants of the Evolutionary step ladder.

Caidin, and other sci-fi writers with similar ideas, pose the possibility that such men as Aristotle, Plato, Einstein--and maybe even Hugh Hefner of Playboy fame--were, and are, members of that next race of Earth inhabitants who already made an appearance to help us up the ladder of intelligence. By controlling the influx of knowledge, they could very easily program us to the point where we would not even realize that a take-over of our planet by the "Homo superiors" was occurring.

Going one step further, perhaps the most intelligent of the "Homo superior" new born will become the Jesus Christ's of the Universe--sent to newly formed planets to become the great Saviour of that race. By 'fixing' a few miracles and uttering a few parables and commandments, one could control a whole race of un-suspecting, unintelligent beings. Could this have happened to our planet some 2,000 years ago?

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TERRA II

by Allan J. Manak

As I sit here trying to think of something to write that would be interesting and informative, I happened to glance up at the calendar--not once--but two or three times. It didn't ring a bell at first, but now I've got it.

Thirty years ago man was jettisoned into the atomic age--yes, on July sixteenth, nineteen forty-five man set off the first thermo-nuclear device. Twenty days later man used this same device on other men. Five months after the Second World War, UFO's were spotted all over the world. So numerous were the sightings that the governments of the world wanted an explanation and wanted it fast. The great war was over and men wanted to get home, they along with the rest of the world were tired. So tired that the governments of various countries put aside the flying saucer enigma.

A little over a year later, the now infamous Arnold sighting took place and now the public was alerted to the flying saucer mystery.

But, as in most cases involving the governments of nations, when anything leaks out, it is out only because that particular government wanted it so. In this specific incident, I do not believe anything leaked out, so to speak. I believe the news media just came across an interesting news item and played with it. At this time there was no official investigating going on, or at least the government didn't admit it. It wasn't until January of the next year that the news media wanted an explanation as to why airplanes were chasing flying saucers to their death. Since then, the UFO has really been with us. Oh, some will argue that flying objects were with man throughout history. True, but not like they were since January 1948. Today, the world watches, or at least there are people really interested, in the subject.

I sincerely believe the flying saucers stepped up their surveillance of Earth after the atomic weapons were fired.

There are many theories, such as:

1. Coming from another planet in our solar system.
2. Coming from another planet, in our galaxy.
3. Coming from another planet outside our galaxy.
4. Coming from inside the earth.
5. Coming from another dimension.
6. Coming from the future.
7. Coming from the past.
8. Coming from the atmosphere.
9. Coming from some place in time.
10. Coming from a secret organization on earth.
11. Coming from our imaginations.
12. Coming from space energy.

How about coming from another planet on earth's orbit? This theory is not so ridiculous. Look at an atom. Some atoms include electrons with more than one in the same orbit around its respective proton, neutron system.

Just suppose earth has another planet on its orbit. If the other planet was on the same plane, and directly opposite the earth, we could not detect it. Unless man would travel quite a distance from earth, or travel in the opposite direction the earth travels in orbit and meet, so to speak, the other planet.

Now, if this other planet, let's call it Terra II, is responsible for the flying saucers enigma on earth, then beyond a question of a doubt, they are the more intelligent. Just for the simple matter that they (Terra II) are here.

So, just like an electron is taken out of its orbit, the other electrons act differently and most time react violently. Therefore, if earth is into atomic bombs that can destroy its planet, it will have a most dreadful effect on Terra II. If earth blows itself up, Terra II will probably jump out of orbit, or tilt or be sent into the sun.

If you lived on Terra II and you knew that earth was experimenting with atomic energy, would you come to earth and see what was happening? Or would you forget it? Certainly not.

This then is just another theory to be thrown into the already overflowing UFO mess.



161 BIGFOOT PRINTS FOUND

A series of 161 man-like foot prints made by a creature thought to be more than eight feet tall has been discovered by a group of loggers, according to the leader of the American Yeti expedition.

The report of the Oct. 7 finding came in a telephone call from Robert W. Morgan, the leader of a group of persons searching for the legendary Sasquatch or Bigfoot.

"It's the longest string of bigfoot tracks ever examined by scientists to my knowledge," Morgan said. "Field measurements indicate the footprints were a whopping 18 inches long, seven inches across at the ball of the foot, and 5.5 inches across at the heel. The average stride was well over 50 inches."

Grover Krantz, a physical anthropologist at Washington State University, said the tracks must have been made by a creature more than eight feet tall, weighing about 800 pounds.

"It is overwhelmingly probable that they (the tracks) are real," he said. "I've seen some pretty sophisticated fakes. I don't think these could have been done with fake feet."

Krantz said he was not part of the expedition. He said he examined casts of the tracks at Morgan's request after they were found by the loggers.

Morgan said the loggers who found the tracks in the Lewis River Basin in Southwest Washington reported hearing "strange, chirping whistles" in the area that they could not identify. On another occasion, something was heard tearing apart a stump, Morgan said.

Also, Elizabeth Moorman, a biology student with the expedition, said the tracks were found "within a few miles of a report we received in July when a boatyard owner saw a Bigfoot near one of his boats."



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We are happy to be a part of the first ever convention featuring speakers, displays, and films on such interesting topics as: UFOs, science fiction, the occult, Star Trek, comic magazine collecting, monsters, and much more. Mysticon '75 will bring all these topics together in what looks to be a most fascinating (yes, Spock!) event.

We strongly suggest that you plan to attend Mysticon Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31. Delegates from many parts of the East and Midwest are expected to attend, as well as the general public from the Cleveland area. Those of you who sell books, magazines or specialty items on any of these above-mentioned topics, don't forget that dealers tables may be purchased if you write now.

Here's a brief rundown on Mysticon:

Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31
Parma Memorial Hall (next to Parma City Hall), Ridge and Ridgewood
Parma, Ohio

Featuring

Tales from the Supernatural
Monsters
The Occult
Flying Saucers
Star Trek
Science Fiction
Comic Fandom
Astronomy
and two Classic Science Fiction Flicks

One session Friday, May 30 8:00 p.m. (doors open 6:30)

Two sessions Saturday, May 31 1:00 p.m. (doors open noon)
8:00 p.m. (doors open 6:30)

General Admission

Adults: \$2.00 per session or \$4.00 for all three sessions
Students: \$1.50 per session or \$3.00 for all three sessions
Saturday Matinee Session: All seats \$1.00

Delegate housing is at the Holiday Inn Strongsville, at Interstate 71 and Ohio Rt. 82. Phone (216) 238-8800. Please tell them that you are attending Mysticon.

For further information:

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MILKY WAY SPOUTING FIREWATER

There's booze in outer space.

No fooling. Scientists probing areas of the Milky Way with a powerful radiotelescope have detected Ethanol in a vast cloud of gas and dust called Sagittarius B2.

Ethanol, for those who don't know, is ethyl alcohol--chemical formula C_2H_5OH --the stuff that puts fire in firewater.

The discovery was made by a team of 13 scientists working at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Kitt Peak, near Tucson, Ariz. They were able to detect a substance 30,000 light years away by picking up faint radio signals characteristic of the chemical.

The work is part of a very sober inquiry into the formation of stars. Present theory says stars are formed as swirling interstellar clouds grow denser and denser and finally collapse to form a star.

Until recently, scientists thought the most complex substance in the clouds was molecular hydrogen. Recently they have found more complex molecules. Ethanol, with nine atoms, is the most complex found so far.

According to Dr. Barry Turner of the observatory, the chances of finding a single molecule of Ethanol--which wouldn't go far in making a cocktail--are about 1 in 1,000 at any given place.

Or, as colleague Dr. Benjamin Zuckerman of the University of Maryland puts it:

"If Flash Gordon or Captain Kirk were to tow a net the size of a football field through the whole cloud, you'd collect about enough Ethanol to fill a shot glass."

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Sighting of the Quarter

TEXAS LIGHTS 'ATTRACT' UFO's

A colorful circle of lights in the remote Texas hill country is said to be attracting alien aircraft that travel at 10,000 mph and a research group studying UFO's has released a photograph purporting to prove it.

Members of "Project Starlight International" say the photograph was taken the night of Oct. 2, and shows a brilliantly lighted unidentified flying object traveling more than 10,000 mph about 100 miles above earth.

They report that the craft made two sharp turns within two to four seconds--maneuvers that would tear a manmade object to shreds.

Ray Stanford, director of the group, said the UFO was photographed on ordinary black-and-white film through a 300-millimeter lens with the shutter left open for several seconds.

The picture shows a trail of light along a wavy line moving east to west with a sharp left and a sharp right turn in the center. Stanford said the UFO shut down its lights before the camera's shutter closed.

"This is a typical maneuver for UFO's," Stanford said. "We believe UFO's have some control over gravity and inertia."

Stanford's group constructed a circle of about 100 lights in the seven colors of the spectrum during a number of reported UFO sightings in the fall of 1973.

In the center of the display west of Austin is a spotlight which blinks "dot-dot-dot-dash," the numerical equivalent of the Greek letter Pi, which they believe some intelligent creature might identify.

He said on Oct. 22, 1973, his crew of observers spotted two lights in the sky where stars were not supposed to be.

"They were oval shaped white objects. The four of us aimed our camera lenses at them and they turned down their lights just like a rheostat. Then they disappeared.

"Within four minutes two Phantom jets from Bergstrom Air Force Base came zooming in closer to our site than they ever had come before. They were followed by a prop plane. It's quite possible they sighted the same things we did."

He said he believes creatures that pilot UFO's aren't necessarily super-intelligent and haven't developed means of flight incomprehensible to man.

"They don't have to be any more intelligent than we are, just about 10 years ahead of us. This kind of work is going on in highly secret projects today and we'll probably have something like this in 10 to 15 years," he said.

The Trouble With Saucers

by Allan J. Manak

This question has been around as long as there has been unidentified flying objects.

It first came into its own when Ken Arnold saw solid objects, and Prof. Menzel called them optical illusions. Why even the USAF calls them "angles", when seen on radar. When in the late 40's a UFO almost hit a commercial airline, it was called "misinterpretation of conventional aircraft". When seen by other airmen, in either a chase, or trying to avoid being hit, the mystery objects are called "illusionary effects". When seen in formation and photographed not once but twice on the same location and also seen by many people in different locations. They were called "high flying moths reflecting mercury vapor street lights". When someone sees a strange saucer shaped object on the ground, or sees one land, he or she is "making up a story". If he or she happens to see creatures in the object, or come out of the object, then he or she is "crazy".

Then there is the incident that took place in the Midwest where thousands of people saw strange multi-colored lights in the sky for 4 straight nights. The official explanation stated that these poor misled people were watching the stars in the constellation of "Orion".

The next day an 8-year-old boy asked how he could be watching the stars in the constellation of Orion, when that particular constellation doesn't raise above the horizon until after 3 a.m. in the morning, long after he was to be in bed.

Then, over 6 thousand people saw to their amazement, 3 strange lights seemingly playing with each other. These people were at a football game. The officials, as well as the players, also saw the lights. The explanation was startling to say the least-- "moon dust".

Well, we've heard them all by now.

But, to our chagrin, it was not the last possible answer that could be derived.

In Michigan, a saucer-shaped object landed on a farmer's backyard. The object stayed there for over an hour. All the while this strange object omitted strange colored lights and sounds. Many people saw this mystery craft. Two days later an air force representative--a leading scientist--and a man who has researched UFOs for 20 years said "this object was swamp gas".

This same scientist today is denouncing the air force's policy. Why the big turn about?

Think of all the stories you have heard about ghosts. That's right--ghosts. From the time you were a kid the most frightening things were ghosts. Why? Because ghosts could go through material

things. Ghosts could appear and disappear at will. Ghosts scare people. Ghosts always have a strange eerie glow.

Think of it; don't flying saucers appear and disappear, glow, blink out, just fly away and scare you?

Maybe the air force is telling us the truth. Dust, gas, illusion, does not exist, imagination. All these things would prove or, at least look like they could, go through things or disappear. It all seems to say that UFOs are real--but not as real as you or I.

Like ghosts, they're not real--or are they?

Maybe the "Alternate Reality Theory", or the "Dimensional Fault Zone" theory is not so far out after all.

And, maybe--just maybe--the air force knew this (since 1943) when UFOs went through our B-17 and B-24 bombers.

Thirty-two years later the public is finally coming around--or are they?

the future & ufo's

by Robert S. Easley

1974 was a banner year for UFOs and the impact it presented to the general public. There was an influx of new books out on the market, plus earlier works were re-issued, in paperback form. Keyhoe, Vallee, Adamski, Harold T. Wilkins, and even Ruppelt's book appeared in book stores all over the country. And from observations made by this writer, these books were gobbled up as fast as the stock boys could put them up on the shelves.

Television and radio devoted a good deal of air time to the subject of UFOs and related phenomena (such as Uri Geller, witchcraft, possession, etc.). The rumors of crashed saucers and a major announcement to the public by President Ford also helped to keep the subject in the public domain.

As for 1975 and the future, we can hope for a greater interest in UFOs by scientists, the media, and the general public. Perhaps this may even be the year in which we move closer to the final answer to the mystery--if there is a final answer.

With the growing interest of a possible linkage between UFOlogy and Parapsychology, perhaps the answer isn't so far away as we thought. By getting into the Psychic field we may uncover secrets that will lead us straight to the source of the elusive discs. As the late Albert K. Bender stated, "I went into the impossible, and came up with the answer."

1975 shows us the birth of a new effort--and hopefully new dimensions--in the field of the Occult with the announcement of Mysticton, to be held in Cleveland, Ohio. Further details concerning Mysticton will be published later.

The 12th Annual NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE is tentatively scheduled to open in August, 1975. With a gathering of minds, ideas, and opinions, perhaps answers to various problems in UFOria can be found. Further details will be forthcoming.

If we play our cards right, UFOs can become a respected science. The ball began rolling with the massive 1973 "flap", and continued with last year's fantastic amount of publicity, of which most was favorable. Now it is up to all of us to keep the ball rolling in the direction of a final solution to the enigma of UFOs and assorted phenomena.



RECENT NEWS AND RUMORS

ATLANTIS, BACK IN THE NEWS AGAIN WITH THE RETITLED BOOK "ATLANTIS DISCOVERED" FROM THE "PROBLEM WITH ATLANTIS," BY LEWIS SPENCE. IT SEEMS THIS ENIGMA WILL NEVER DIE --- A NEW MAGAZINE WILL BE OFFERED BY UAPA THAT WILL BE A SELL OUT WHEN OFF THE PRESSES. THE TITLE "STRANGE AIRSHIPS AND SEA MONSTERS" --- SEE AD ELSEWHERE IN THIS MAGAZINE --- THERE IS AN EAST COAST MAGAZINE THAT MIGHT GO NEWSTAND --- THE "NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE" TO BE IN DEFIANCE, OHIO, IN AUGUST. ROBERT EASLEY, EDITOR OF "UFOLOGICAL THOUGHTS AND IDEAS" REPORTS THAT HE WILL BE HOLDING THE 12TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE THE WEEKEND OF THE 15TH. MR. RICK HILBERG'S "UFO MAGAZINE NEWS BULLETIN" IS DOING GREAT, AS ALL OF HIS VENTURES DO --- MEMBERSHIP INTO THE UAPA IS NOW OPEN. REMEMBER THIS IS A LIMITED MEMBERSHIP INTO THE UNDERGROUND UFO ACTIVITY --- GREEN PEOPLE IN THE NEWS AGAIN, THIS TIME THEY COME FROM THE UNDERWORLD --- EVERY SO OFTEN WE HEAR OF SAUCERS THAT COME FROM ARGENTINA. AGAIN LAST MONTH, THE SO-CALLED ARGENTINA SAUCERS CAME AGAIN. THIS TIME IN A REPEAT OF AN ARTICLE "IS HITLER IN ARGENTINA". THIS ARTICLE WAS IN THE "POLICE GAZETTE" OF 1951. WHY ARE PEOPLE STILL TRYING TO PUT SOMETHING OVER ON US? WE'VE BEEN IN UFOLOGY SINCE 1947. IF SOMEONE HAS SOMETHING TO SAY, SAY IT BUT DO NOT TRY TO BLUFF US. IT DOESN'T WORK --- SOMEONE SAID, THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE A SUPER UFO AND STAR TREK CONVENTION NEXT YEAR ON THE EAST COAST --- A CATALOG OF UFO SIGHTINGS WILL BE PRINTED IN DECEMBER BY A UFO RESEARCHER OF THE PAST --- M.I.B. THEORY IS STARTING TO PICK UP AGAIN, AS MANY UFOZINES PUBLISH MORE AND MORE INFO ON THIS FASCINATING SUBJECT --- AROSLEY, N.Y., THE SKELETAL REMAINS OF A 10,000 YEAR OLD ANCESTOR TO THE MODERN-DAY ELEPHANT WERE FOUND BY WORKMEN EXCAVATING IN THE BACKYARD OF AN ARDSLEY, N.Y. HOME. THE WORKMEN FOUND THE BONES, A COLUMBIAN MAMMOTH, WHILE DIGGING A FOUNDATION FOR A PLAYROOM TO BE ADDED ON TO THE HOUSE OF MARTIN GRELL IN THIS QUIET SUBURBAN VILLAGE ABOUT 20 MILES NORTH OF NEW YORK CITY.

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I just read issue No. 24 of Flying Saucer Digest. I was wondering if you are going to print more on Keely Energy?

F. F., Fort Lauderdale, Florida

ED. WE'RE WORKING ON IT.

I'm 53 years old and I've read a lot of books and magazines on UFOs and the occult but I must say you sure have an interesting magazine--so I'm sending a check for two more years subscription.

T. M., Clear Creek, Pa.

ED. THANKS MUCH. IT'S PEOPLE LIKE YOU THAT WE ARE AIMING FOR. ONES WHO WANT AN INTERESTING AND EDUCATIONAL MAGAZINE ON THESE ENIGMAS.

To whom it may concern: Flying Saucer Digest Issue No. 24 contained an article about miniature UFOs. Where was this information gathered?

P. T., Cleveland, Ohio

ED. VARIOUS PERIODICALS, THE BOOKS, "BLACK THURSDAY" AND "THE DISK AND THE DRAGON".



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